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In re Appln. of: **Akira Nakano ET AL.**
Appln. No.: **09/925,579**
Filed: **August 9, 2001**
For: **PLASMA PROCESSING
APPARATUS AND SYSTEM,
PERFORMANCE VALIDATION
SYSTEM AND INSPECTION
METHOD THEREFORE**

Examiner: **Rudy Zervigon**
Art Unit: **1763**

Attorney Docket No: **9281-4140**

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TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Check for \$180; Third Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449; Copy of Search Report dated October 6, 2005 for corresponding European Patent Application No. 01 305 941.5 and reference C2
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Respectfully submitted,

December 7, 2005
Date

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THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

No.	Date of Publication
5,874,704	02/1999
Patent Abstracts of Japan 11083907	03/1999

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R §1.98(a)(3). Also enclosed is a copy of a Search Report dated October 6, 2005 for corresponding European Patent Application No. 01 305 941.5. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

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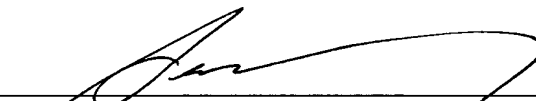
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information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

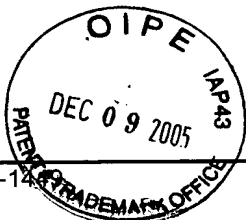
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Respectfully submitted,

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